SOURCES be pleased to refer to the answer to UnStarred Question 982 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th July, 1991 and state:

(a) the number of times D.E.S.U. has jacked up electricity rates for various categories of consumers and what are the rates fixed for graded higher levy of electricity;

(b) whether any other charges are also imposed on the consumers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF . THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) The earlier electricity tariff fixed by DESU in April, 1985 has been revised with effect from 1-3-1991. The revised tariff for different categories is given in Statement-I. [See Appendix CLX, Annexure No. 38] The details of the other charges imposed on the consumers for the last three years are given in Statement-II. *[See* Appendix CLX, Annexure No. 39]

Foreign Tourists in ITDC Hotels

1000. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been less occupancy of foreign tourists in ITDC hotels in country as compared to private sector hotels;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what remedial measures Government have taken or propose to take to attract foreign tourists in ITDC hotels?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) During 1990-91, both public and private sector hotels were adversely affected on account of various reasons which includes disturbed conditions in some parts of the country and the situation in Middle East culminating in the Gulf War.

(c) The efforts being made by the Government/ITDC to attract more foreign tourists inter-alia include effective publicity/promotion campaign projecting India as a multi-dimensional tourist destination, aggressive marketing and sales efforts, direct contact with major tour operator/Travel Agents to promote traffic to India and participation in International Tourism and Travel Marts.

वायुदूत में हुए घाटों के कारण

1001. श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार द्वारा वायुदूत के घाटे में चलने के कारणों की कोई जांच कराई गई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस घाटे के मुख्य कारण क्या हैं; और

(ग) इस विमान सेवा को घाटे से उबारने के लिए सरकार द्वारा कौन से कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया): (क) और (ख) वायुदूत को घाटा होने के प्रमुख कारण है, कम दूरी के प्रचालन, पुराना और गैर-किफायती विमान-बेड़ा, अलाभकारी किराया ढांचा, नेटवर्क का अन्धाधुंध विस्तार, अत्यधिक जनशक्ति और वाणिज्यिक सोच-विचार की उपेक्षा।

(ग) घाटे को न्यूनतम करने की दृष्टि से, मार्ग नेटवर्क को युक्तिसंगत बनाया गया है और अनावश्यक खर्च को कम किया गया है। वायुदूत के भावी ढांचे के बारे में विभिन्न विकल्प सरकार के विचाराधीन है।